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E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. WE AGREE THAT PROSPECTS FOR IDF TENURE ARE CONSIDERABLY DIMMED COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO AND A FEW MONTHS AGO. EMOTIONS CONTINUE TO RUN HIGH AGAINST NATO AND THE IDF AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF BRITISH FRIGATES WITHIN THE 50-MILE FISHING RANGE. DESPITE THIS EXACERABATION, IT IS STILL OUR OPINION THAT, IF WE PROCEED WITH THE BASE PROBLEM ALONG THE LINES RECENTLY SUGGESTED IN WASH AND NORFOLK BY ADM COOLEY AND MY-SELF, WE WILL HAVE A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE OF RETAINING THE IDF WITH ITS BASIC MISSION UNIMPAIRED. WE BOTH CONTINUE TO FEEL OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN SUCCEED IN RETAINING THE BASE. WE HOLD TO THIS FEELING UNLESS THE SHOOTING IN THE COD WAR RESUMED AND A FISHMERMAN OR SAILOR GETS INJURED.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ADM COOLEY AND I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT ISSUE A BLANKET DEFERRAL OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, BUT INSTEAD BE SELECTIVE IN THE DEFERRAL OF PROJECTS. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK MILCON FUNDS THAT ARE IN THE FY 74

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BUDGET. WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN THE

FUNDS ACTUALLY BECOME AVAILABLE TO SEE WHICH WAY THE BASE ISSUE
TURNS.

3. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH COMICEDEFOR.
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